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Military/Veterans Affairs

Summary

Colorado's Fifth District is the proud home one of our nation's most military-intensive congressional district and to more than 100,000 veterans who have served our country with distinction and honor. It is the countless sacrifices of our service men and women that have given us the freedoms, prosperity, and way of life which makes this country the greatest in the world.

Congressman Lamborn's recent appointment to the House Armed Services Committee was a significant victory for Colorado's 5th District. In this role, he will have a powerful voice to both serve as an advocate for our troops serving our nation, and a greater opportunity to protect the critical military installations here at home. He will continue to fight for full funding and better pay for our troops and the best equipment available to ensure their safety. Taking the lead to persuade the Army of all the advantages Fort Carson provides, Congressman Lamborn's efforts, along with other members of the Colorado delegation, have helped ensure the additional Brigade Combat Team, an additional 4877 soldiers, will come to Fort Carson.

In his leadership role on the Veterans Affairs Committee, Congressman Lamborn has already helped push through legislation to bring a Veterans Cemetery to El Paso County. Also, I have introduced and have worked to pass pieces of legislation including HR 2696, the Veterans' Dignified Burial Assistance Act of 2007, and an amendment to HR 797, the Blinded Veterans Paired Organ Act of 2007, allowing the Veterans' Administration to issue bronze medallions to families who wish to identify veteran status to a private gravesite marker for their loved one. Both of these bills help us keep the promises we made to our veterans, who have made deep sacrifices, in protection of our nation. Our veterans deserve rapid and accurate service as they secure their benefits. As the Ranking Member of the Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Congressman Lamborn has been working on behalf of all veterans to make it easier for them to receive the benefits they deserve and that they receive them in a timely manner.

In a bipartisan effort, Lamborn is working bring a new national cemetery to the Fifth District of Colorado to serve the needs of the more than 150,000 veterans and their families.

Our strong military presence has served as an invaluable asset to our troops with training, readiness and preparation to fight the Global War on Terrorism and it has helped nurture our local economy. Currently, the expansion of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site is a delicate issue and must be handled with extreme caution as it moves forward. If the stakeholders involved in this issue are not allowed to sit down and work out their differences, it could lead to a serious economic detriment for El Paso County, Las

Animas County, and the entire state of Colorado. Lamborn is striving to create a win-win solution for everyone the PCMS expansion issue touches.

Major Legislative Actions

Sponsored Legislation on Military/Veterans Affairs Issues

- H.RES.906 - Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the United States Air Force Space Command headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.
- H.R. 295 – To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pikes Peak region of Colorado.
- H.R. 1864 – To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the automated processing of veterans disability compensation claims.
- H.R. 2696 – Veterans' Dignified Burial Assistance Act of 2007
Increases from \$300 to \$400 the burial plot allowance paid for veterans interred in cemeteries other than national cemeteries. Waives the requirement that, for a state to receive such allowance for the reimbursement of burial costs, it must file for such within two years after the burial or cremation of the veteran. Authorizes the use of up to \$5 million per year under the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) state cemetery grant program for operating and maintaining state cemeteries.
- H.R. 3047 – The Veterans Claims Processing Innovation Act of 2007

Amendments Offered on Military/Veterans Affairs Issues

- H.R.1660 – To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region. Lamborn offered an amendment (which was accepted) to this bill ensuring that the cemetery would be built in El Paso County.
- H.R. 797 – the Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act. Lamborn offered an amendment (which was accepted) to this bill, which provides families the option of choosing a bronze V in lieu of a VA headstone for graves already marked by a private marker. Many private cemeteries do not allow a second marker on a grave because it complicates routine maintenance. Therefore, a bronze V would identify a veteran's grave in a manner that would be universally acceptable and meet the families' desires to honor the deceased veteran.

Appendix A

Congressman Lamborn's various actions on Military & Veterans Affairs issues

Sponsored Legislation

- H.RES.392 – Urging Americans and people of all nationalities to visit American cemeteries, memorials and markers
Urges Americans and people of all nationalities to visit the American Cemeteries, Memorials and Markers abroad, where the spirit of American generosity, sacrifice, and courage are displayed and commemorated.
- H.RES.906 - Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the United States Air Force Space Command headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.
- H.R. 295 – To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pikes Peak region of Colorado.
- H.R. 1863 – To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct at two-year pilot program to use a mobile processing unit to perform certain services of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
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- H.R. 2697 – To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for veterans' mortgage life insurance to include members of the Armed Forces receiving specially adapted housing assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- H.R. 3047 – The Veterans Claims Processing Innovation Act of 2007
- Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a work credit system for evaluating regional offices of the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) with respect to veterans' claims processing.
 - Requires the Secretary to: (1) develop and maintain a system for processing veterans' disability compensation claims using artificial intelligence that utilizes medical and military service data to generate disability rating recommendations; and (2) maintain a regional office at which all such claims are processed exclusively electronically.
 - Provides that if a veteran who is a claimant dies before completing the submission of a claim for benefits, the person who would receive any

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accrued benefit(s) due to such veteran shall be treated as the claimant for purposes of completing submission of the claim.

Cosponsored Legislation

- H.CON.RES.49 – Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States.
- H.CON.RES.176 - Expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to honor our Nation's disabled veterans.
- H.CON.RES.207 - Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service.
- H.CON.RES.246 - Honoring the United States Marine Corps for serving and defending the United States on the anniversary of its founding on November 10, 1775.
- H.RES.111 - Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.
- H.RES.237 - Supporting and encouraging greater support for Veterans Day each year.
- H.RES.265 – Honoring military children during "National Month of the Military Child". Joins the Secretary of Defense in honoring the children of members of the Armed Forces and recognizes that they share in the burden of protecting the Nation.
- H.RES.541- Recognizing the Marines of Company M (or "Mike Company") of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division on the occasion of their 25th Annual Reunion.
- H.RES.542 - Expressing the unconditional support of the House of Representatives for the members of the National Guard.
Unconditionally supports the members of the National Guard and recognizes their sacrifices made on behalf of the United States.
States that the House of Representatives will: (1) do everything in its power to ensure that the National Guard receives the resources it needs; and (2) support the families of Guard members who have died while serving on active duty.
- H.RES.663 - Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day.
- H.RES.783 - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration employees, volunteers, and veterans' service organizations that perform funeral honors and memorial honor details should be permitted to recite the 13 steps to fold an American flag (known as the "13-fold recital") at any national cemetery if requested by the family of the deceased.
- H.RES.784 - Recognizing and honoring, in community post offices, the service of men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces deployed overseas.
- H.RES.786 - Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that general appropriations for military construction and veterans' affairs be considered as stand-alone measures.

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- H.J.RES.67 - Supporting a base Defense Budget that at the very minimum matches 4 percent of gross domestic product.
- H.J.RES.70 - Congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008, and commemorating the historic contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to the vital national security interests and homeland defense missions of the United States.
- H.R.22 – To make appropriations for military construction and family housing projects for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.
- H.R.327 – Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act
- Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) suicide among veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a serious problem; and (2) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in developing and implementing the comprehensive program outlined in this Act, should take into consideration the special needs of such veterans and of elderly veterans who are at high risk for depression and experience high rates of suicide.
 - Directs the Secretary to develop and carry out a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans. Requires the program to include: (1) mandatory training for appropriate staff and contractors of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) who interact with veterans; (2) mental health assessments of veterans; (3) designation of a suicide prevention counselor at each Department medical facility; (4) research on best practices for suicide prevention; (5) mental health care for veterans who have experienced sexual trauma while in military service; (6) 24-hour veterans' mental health care availability; (7) a toll-free hotline; and (8) outreach and education for veterans and their families.
- H.R.511 – To pledge the faithful support of Congress to members of the United States Armed Forces serving in harm's way. States that Congress will not cut off or restrict funding for units and members of the Armed Forces that the Commander in Chief has deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.
- H.R.634 – American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue \$1 silver coins emblematic of the design selected by the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation for the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, in commemoration of disabled American veterans.
- H.R.797 – Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act - Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act - Modifies the standard for awarding disability compensation to veterans for loss of vision to require payment of compensation for impairment of vision (currently, blindness) involving both eyes due to a service-connected and non service-connected disability. Defines such impairment as a visual acuity of 20/200 or less or of a peripheral field of 20 degrees or less.

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- Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services with information for comparison with the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes with respect to individuals under age 65 in order to determine eligibility for certain veteran benefits and services. Requires: (1) independent verification of information so acquired prior to terminating, denying, or reducing a benefit or service; and (2) the opportunity for an individual to contest negative findings.
- Extends, through June 30, 2009, VA authority to provide an educational allowance to persons performing qualifying work-study activities.
- Authorizes the Secretary, in lieu of furnishing a headstone or marker for the grave of certain individuals buried in a private cemetery, to furnish a bronze representation of the letter "V" to be attached to a headstone or marker furnished at private expense.
- H.R.1085 – Armed Forces Tax Relief Act of 2007
Amends the Internal Revenue Code to exempt from employment taxes combat zone compensation of members of the Armed Forces which is excludable from gross income. Appropriates amounts to cover Social Security trust fund deficits resulting from such tax exemption.
- H.R.1213 – Ready Employers Willing to Assist Reservists' Deployment Act of 2007
Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow employers a tax credit for 50% of the wages paid to their employees on active military duty for more than 90 days as Ready Reserve or National Guard and for 50% of the wages paid to temporary replacement employees.
- H.R.1370 – Disabled Veterans Sports and Special Events Promotion Act of 2007
Disabled Veterans Sports and Special Events Promotion Act of 2007 - Establishes in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events, headed by a Director, to establish, carry out, and promote programs for the participation of disabled veterans in approved sporting and other events. Authorizes the Director to provide a monthly assistance allowance to service-connected disabled veterans participating in an event sanctioned by the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) or residing at a USOC training center. Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the USOC to provide support and reimbursement for USOC expenditures for the military Paralympics program.
- H.R. 1609 – To award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Constantino Brumidi. Directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate to make appropriate arrangements for the posthumous presentation, on behalf of Congress, of a gold medal in recognition of Constantino Brumidi's contributions to the Nation as a designer and decorator of the U.S. Capitol. Requires the Architect of the Capitol to arrange for the gold medal to be displayed in the Capitol Visitor Center as part of an exhibit honoring Constantino Brumidi.

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- H.R.1660 – To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region.
- H.R.1808 – To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".
- H.R.2090 – Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program Act of 2007
Directs the Secretary of Defense to establish a national combat veteran reintegration program (to be known as the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program) to provide National Guard members and their families with information, services, referral, and outreach opportunities throughout the entire deployment cycle. Requires the Program to consist of informational events and activities for such members, their families, and community members through the following phases of the deployment cycle: (1) pre-deployment; (2) deployment; (3) demobilization; and (4) post-deployment-reconstitution.
- H.R.2818 – To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Epilepsy Centers of Excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- H.R.3026 - Military Spouses Memorial Act of 2007
- H.R.3414— Veterans Upward Bound Improvement Act, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend eligibility for Federal TRIO programs to members of the reserve components serving on active duty in support of contingency operations. Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit members of the Armed Forces Reserves who served on active duty in support of a contingency operation on or after September 11, 2001, from being deemed ineligible for participation in federal TRIO programs due to age. (TRIO programs prepare disadvantaged students for, and support their pursuit of, postsecondary education.)
- H.R.4104 - Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008

Letters Signed

- February 7, 2007 – Letter to Speaker Pelosi emphasizing the importance of maintaining a firm stance in opposition to Iran's nuclear ambitions.
- March 2, 2007 – Letter to Secretary Wynne requesting that the Air Force make the acquisition of 23 acres of land at Peterson Air Force Base a priority.
- March 1, 2007 – Letter to Secretary Spellings asking for support of Colorado's application in the growth-based accountability model pilot program – *Note: The state did not complete the application in time.*
- March 1, 2007 – Letter to John Murtha and Bill Young requesting the appropriations committee to support \$3 million for the Department of Defense Center for Geosciences/Atmospheric Research at CSU.
- May 22, 2007 – Letter to Secretary Geren addressing concerns for the mental health care of redeployed soldiers.

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- July 24, 2007 – Colorado delegation letter to Peter Verga requesting that DoD ensure the MAFFS mission remain with the 302nd Airlift Wing at Peterson AFB. (DLL sponsored the letter).
- October 12, 2007 – Letter to General H. Steven Blum expressing support for the Colorado National Guard's High Altitude Army-Aviation Training Site (HAATS) military construction project.
- October 19, 2007 – Letter to DUSD Jim Finley inviting him to visit Colorado Springs and participate at a breakfast speaking engagement.
- December 13, 2007 – Letter to AF Secretary Wynne urging the him to support funding for the ACES 5 ejection seat in the FY09 budget. (Congressman Lamborn sponsored this letter).
- December 19, 2007 – Letter to Secretary Gates asking for a sole source contract for the Project on National Security Reform (PNSR) to perform a NDAA authorized study.

'Dear Colleague' Letters

- Trent Franks Missile Defense Opinion-Editorial
- Introduction of Missile Defense Caucus
- Veterans Claims Processing Innovation Act

Caucuses Joined

- Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of the Missile Defense Caucus
- House Army Caucus
- Air Force Caucus
- Modeling and Simulation Caucus
- Space Power Caucus

Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) Update

- Due to an overall training land shortfall, the Army is planning to expand the 236,000 acre PCMS by 418,000 acres, which would almost triple its size.
- Rep. Salazar and Rep. Musgrave offered an amendment to the Milcon/VA appropriations bill, which would prohibit the use of funds for any action that is related to or promotes the expansion of the boundaries or size of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site in southeastern Colorado.
- The Army believes that there is a number of willing sellers of property, but has not yet reached the point in the land acquisition process to formally identify them, where their property is located, and cannot negotiate any sales offers.
- Preventing the Army from studying any expansion of PCMS will harm the Army's ability to provide necessary and realistic training to units stationed at Fort Carson.
- Acquisition of land at PCMS supports and enhances realistic, doctrinally sound training. Changes to training and warfighting doctrine require units to train and operate over increasingly larger expanses of terrain.

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- One way to augment the economy in this area would be to have a permanent contractor stationed at PCMS to provide a “blue force” style tracking system, which would be a win-win, because it would be beneficial for training the soldiers and it would create 100+ jobs with a collective annual income of approximately \$9 million.

Fort Carson Update

- Congressman Lamborn has asked TriWest to implement a pilot program at Fort Carson to try to help resolve the staffing shortage for PTSD cases. TriWest agreed to send 5 behavioral and psychological personnel to Fort Carson.
- In June, the Army implemented the Warriors in Transition Brigade at Fort Carson to try to help soldiers suffering from ailments, which precluded them from being productive and in some cases actually caused them to be a detriment to their unit.

Cheyenne Mountain Relocation Update

- Admiral Keating called for North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and early warning components at Cheyenne Mountain to be relocated to Building 2 at Peterson Air Force Base.
- Department of Defense officials have stated that they no longer need to continue operating in this hardened facility considering that the threat of an intercontinental ballistic missile strike in today’s environment is low. In July 2006, the former Commander of NORAD and United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) announced plans to move certain functions from Cheyenne Mountain and create an integrated command center at Peterson Air Force Base, which he projected at that time would save between \$150 million and \$200 million per year. Additionally, (United States Strategic Command) USSTRATCOM announced plans to relocate its missile warning mission from Cheyenne Mountain to Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, and Air Force Space Command is in the process of moving the Space Control Center from Cheyenne Mountain to Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. NORAD and USNORTHCOM officials told us that after these functions have been moved, Cheyenne Mountain will be used as an alternate command center, a continuity of operations relocation facility, and a training center.
- However, as of April 2007, NORAD and USNORTHCOM officials have identified at least \$41.7 million in onetime costs and \$5.5 million in recurring costs related to the move; however, the full costs will not be determined until the completion of ongoing security assessments. NORAD and USNORTHCOM officials stated that they expect increased unity of effort and operational efficiencies as a result of the integration. Although there is no requirement for it, NORAD and USNORTHCOM have not done an analysis of the operational effects—both positive and negative—of the move.

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Air Force Academy Board of Visitors

- Congressman Lamborn was appointed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to the AFA Board of Visitors in June.

Service Academy Nomination Advisory Committee

- Congressman Lamborn established an advisory committee composed of community leaders throughout the Congressional District to help with the service academy nomination process.

Defense Advisory Board

- Congressman Lamborn has asked representatives from the Defense Community to join his Defense Advisory Board.
- The purpose of the board is to provide a forum for interaction between the defense community and Congressman Lamborn and his staff. The Congressman and his staff update the board on issues of importance to the Defense community, the military and the District. Members of the board provide recommendations to the Congressman and his staff regarding defense issues and concerns affecting our armed forces and the District.
- The board meets quarterly.

Veterans Advisory Board

- Congressman Lamborn has asked representatives from the Defense Community to join his Defense Advisory Board.
- The purpose of the board is to provide a forum for interaction between Veterans and Congressman Lamborn and his staff. The Congressman and his staff update the board on issues of importance to veterans and the District. Members of the board provide recommendations to the Congressman and his staff regarding issues affecting the military, veterans and the District.

Taxes & Economic Issues

Summary

As a fiscal conservative and an advocate for promoting a pro-growth free-market society, Congressman Lamborn understands the need to reduce government spending in Washington. During his time in office, Lamborn has been dedicated to lowering taxes and minimizing government regulations. Low taxes and fewer regulations help maintain a friendly economic environment and produce a more vibrant economy.

As a strong supporter of limited government and stopping the raid on America's wallets, Congressman Lamborn is a cosponsor of HR 2084, the Family Budget Protection Act of 2007. This bill would provide spending caps on the growth of entitlements and mandatory budget outlays. Among other items, it would allow the President to use a line-item veto to cut out wasteful spending.

Lower taxes boost our economy. It allows private citizens to keep more of their own capital to invest in our economy. Lamborn has a strong record of working hard to protect taxpayers. He believes the government must be resourceful and do more with less hard-earned tax dollars. Lamborn is continuing to fight to make the Bush tax cuts permanent. In addition, he is working to pass a federal Taxpayers' Bill of Rights, supported by the Republican Study Committee, which will establish four basic rights to ensure that taxpayers across America have a more efficient and accountable government: The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights would be as follows:

1. Taxpayers have a right to have a federal government that does not grow faster and more expensive than family incomes grow.
2. Taxpayers have a right to receive back each dollar that they entrust to the government for their retirement.
3. Taxpayers have the right to expect the government to balance the budget without having their taxes raised.
4. Taxpayers have the right to a simple, fair tax code that they can understand.

Lamborn has pledged never to vote to increase taxes and he has been faithful to that pledge during his entire thirteen-year career in public office, both federal and state. In fact, when Lamborn was in the state legislature, he was the Senate sponsor the largest tax cut in Colorado history.

Lamborn is strongly supportive of measures to limit government spending. He is a cosponsor of bills HR 373, 374, and 379 to make across-the-board spending cuts of 1%, 2%, and 5% for non-defense, non-homeland-security discretionary spending. In addition to supporting spending cuts in discretionary spending, he also supports HR 489, the Commission On Reforming Entitlement Spending Act or CORE Act, to produce legislative answers to expensive and long term entitlement spending burdens.

Lamborn supports full and permanent repeal of the Death Tax and is a cosponsor of HR 2380 to permanently repeal this burdensome tax.

There are critical areas in which the federal government needs to focus their time. Our time should be focused on more relative and high-priority issues. Below is a list of some of the economic legislation where he has worked on to secure and advance our economic interest:

Major Legislative Actions

Major Cosponsored Legislation

- H.R.2734 – Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2007
- H.R.1085 – Armed Forces Tax Relief Act of 2007
- H.R.2084 – Family Budget Protection Act of 2007 - This bill would provide spending caps on the growth of entitlements and mandatory budget outlays. Among other items it would allow the President to use a line-item veto to cut out wasteful spending.
- H.R. 2380 – Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2007
- H.R. 1366 – Individual AMT Repeal Act of 2007 – This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code to eliminate the alternative minimum tax on individual taxpayers for taxable years beginning after 2006
- H.R. 2312 – Repeals the termination date in the Jobs Growth Tax Relieve Reconciliation Act of 2003 for provisions reducing individual tax rates on capital gains and dividend income.
- H.R. 3508 – Preventing Government Shutdown Act-Would provide for an automatic “clean” continuing resolution in the event that Congress fails to enact appropriations bills by the start of the new fiscal year. The spending level would be set at the lower of the funding level provided in the previous fiscal year, or the House and Senate approved spending bills, as has become routine-enabling essential government services to continue.

Appendix B

Congressman Lamborn's various actions on Taxes & Economic issues

Sponsored Legislation

- H.AMDT.256 to H.R.2638 – An amendment to reduce appropriation for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$300,000.

Cosponsored Legislation

- H.CON.RES.137 – Expressing the sense of Congress relating to a free trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan
- H.CON.RES.263 – To establish the Joint Select Committee on Earmark Reform, and for other purposes. Establishes a Joint Select Committee on Earmark Reform to study and report to the House and the Senate on the practices of the legislative and executive branch regarding earmarks in authorizing, appropriation, tax, and tariff measures.
- H.RES.14 – Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to curtail the growth of Government programs.
- H.RES.273 – Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, and for other purposes. Supports the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, including raising public awareness about the importance of financial education in the United States and the serious consequences that may result from a lack of understanding about personal finances.
- H.RES.284 – Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strengthen the point of order against the consideration of legislation that contains congressional earmarks.
- H.RES.584 – Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month".
- H.R. 25 – Fair Tax Act of 2007, to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States. Repeals the income tax, employment tax, and estate and gift tax. Redesignates the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Internal Revenue Code of 2007. Imposes a national sales tax on the use or consumption in the United States of taxable property or services. Sets the sales tax rate at 23 percent in 2009, with adjustments to the rate in subsequent years. Allows exemptions from the tax for property or services purchased for business, export, or investment purposes and for state government functions.
- H.R.111 – Community Choice in Real Estate Act
Amends the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Secretary of the Treasury, respectively, from determining that real estate brokerage activity or real estate management activity is financial in nature, is incidental to any financial activity, or is complementary to a financial activity. (In

- effect, prohibits financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities.)
- H.R.241 – Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2007
Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to provide for establishment and governance of association health plans (AHPs), which are group health plans whose sponsors are trade, industry, professional, chamber of commerce, or similar business associations, and which meet certain ERISA certification requirements.
 - H.R.373 – To make 1 percent across-the-board rescissions in non-defense, non-homeland-security discretionary spending for fiscal year 2007
 - H.R.374 – To make 2 percent across-the-board rescissions in non-defense, non-homeland-security discretionary spending for fiscal year 2007
 - H.R.379 – To make 5 percent across-the-board rescissions in non-defense, non-homeland-security discretionary spending for fiscal year 2007.
 - H.R.411 – To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain temporary provisions applicable to individuals, including the sales tax deduction, the child credit, the repeal of the estate tax, and the deduction for higher education expenses.
 - H.R.418 – To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit military death gratuities to be contributed to certain tax-favored accounts.
 - H.R.489 – Commission On Reforming Entitlement Spending Act
Commission On Reforming Entitlement Spending Act, or CORE Spending Act - Establishes the Commission On Reforming Entitlement Spending to examine the long-term fiscal challenges facing the United States and develop legislation designed to address them.
 - H.R. 510 – Tax Code Termination Act, to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
Declares that any new federal tax system should be a simple and fair system that: (1) applies a low rate to all Americans; (2) provides tax relief for working Americans; (3) protects the rights of taxpayers and reduces tax collection abuses; (4) eliminates the bias against savings and investment; (5) promotes economic growth and job creation; and (6) does not penalize marriage or families.
 - H.R. 581 – Savings for Seniors Act of 2007, to amend title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act to establish in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund a Social Security Surplus Protection Account to hold the Social Security surplus.
 - H.R.697 – National Right-to-Work Act
Amends the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act to repeal those provisions that permit employers, pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement that is a union security agreement, to require employees to join a union as a condition of employment (including provisions permitting railroad carriers to require, pursuant to such an agreement, payroll deduction of union dues or fees as a condition of employment).

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- H.R. 698 – Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2007
Amends the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDIA) to apply the bank share or asset acquisition requirements of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 to any company that is or would become an industrial bank holding company
- H.R.1049 – To amend Misinterpreted Excessive Regulation In Corporate America Act
Amends the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to direct the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board to appoint an ombudsman to act as a liaison between the Board and any registered public accounting firm or issuer regarding: (1) issues or disputes concerning the preparation or issuance of any audit report with respect to that issuer; and (2) problems resulting from Board regulatory activities, particularly implementation of management assessment of internal controls.
- H.R.1077 - Internet Consumer Protection Act of 2007
Amends the Internet Tax Freedom Act to make permanent the ban on state and local taxation of Internet access and on multiple or discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce. Repeals provisions permitting states with Internet tax laws enacted prior to the ban on Internet taxes to continue enforcing such laws.
- H.R.1085 – Armed Forces Tax Relief Act of 2007
Amends the Internal Revenue Code to exempt from employment taxes combat zone compensation of members of the Armed Forces which is excludable from gross income. Appropriates amounts to cover Social Security trust fund deficits resulting from such tax exemption.
- H.R.1182 – To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow section 1031 treatment for exchanges involving certain mutual ditch, reservoir, or irrigation company stock
- H.R.1213 – Ready Employers Willing to Assist Reservists' Deployment Act of 2007
Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow employers a tax credit for 50% of the wages paid to their employees on active military duty for more than 90 days as Ready Reserve or National Guard and for 50% of the wages paid to temporary replacement employees.
- H.R.1261 – Capital Gains Inflation Relief Act of 2007
Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow an inflation adjustment based upon the gross domestic product deflator to the adjusted basis of certain assets (including C corporation common stock and tangible property used in a trade or business) held by a taxpayer for more than three years for purposes of determining gain or loss on the sale or other disposition of such assets.
- H.R.1366 – Individual AMT Repeal Act of 2007
Amends the Internal Revenue Code to eliminate the alternative minimum tax on individual taxpayers for taxable years beginning after 2006.
- H.R.1508 – Compete Act of 2007
Amends the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to revise requirements for the internal control assessment component of a securities issuer's annual report.

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- H.R.1586 – Death Tax Repeal Act of 2007
Repeals the federal estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxes
- H.R.2084 – Family Budget Protection Act of 2007
Amends the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (CBA) to eliminate the May 15 deadline for consideration of annual appropriations measures. Requires annual joint (currently, concurrent) budget resolutions signed by the President.
Provides for an amendment to change the statutory limit on the public debt.
Requires consideration of budget-related legislation before the budget resolution becomes law. Provides for establishment of a reserve fund for emergencies.
- H.R.2312 – To make permanent the individual income tax rates for capital gains and dividends.
- H.R.2380 – Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2007
Makes the repeal of the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes under the Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Act of 2001 permanent (under the Act, those taxes would be reinstated after December 31, 2010).
- H.R.2471 – Refinery Streamlined Permitting Act of 2007
Instructs the Secretary of Energy to offer assistance to enable states to assign responsibilities delegated to them regarding construction or expansion of a petroleum refining facility in a coordinated and expeditious manner.
- H.R.2727 – Small Business SOX Compliance Extension Act
Directs the Securities and Exchange Commission to modify its regulations under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX) for annual management assessments of, and reports on, internal financial controls. Requires such regulations to provide that a non-accelerated filer does not have to provide management's report on internal control over financial reporting until it files an annual report for its first fiscal year ending on or after December 15, 2008 (thereby extending the current moratorium on such requirements for small businesses).
- H.R.2734 – Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2007
Repeals the general termination date of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (i.e., December 31, 2010), thus making the tax reductions enacted by that Act permanent. Repeals the termination date for provisions of the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 reducing income tax rates on dividends and capital gains. Amends the Internal Revenue Code to make permanent: (1) the tax deduction for state and local sales taxes; (2) the tax deduction for tuition and related expenses; (3) the increased expensing allowance for small business assets and related provisions; and (4) the tax credit for increasing research activities.
- H.R.3039 – Farmland Relief Act of 2007
Amends the Internal Revenue Code to double the period allowed to taxpayers for identifying and completing exchanges of like kind property for purposes of the nonrecognition of gain from such exchanges.
- H.R. 3508 – Preventing Government Shutdown Act of 2007, to provide automatic continuing appropriations for the Government

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- H.R.3818 – Taxpayer Choice Act of 2007
Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) repeal the alternative minimum tax on individual taxpayers after 2006; and (2) allow taxpayers to elect an alternative income tax system. Makes permanent the capital gains and dividends rate reductions enacted by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

Letters Signed

- July 30, 2007 – Letter to President Bush encouraging him to veto any bill that contains tax increases on working Americans and businesses.
- June 29, 2007 – Letter to Speaker Pelosi urging her to resist spending more than the current spending baseline for the farm bill.
- May 17, 2007 – Letter to Chairman Obey, Chairman Byrd, Congressman Lewis, and Senator Cochran requesting the inclusion of language which fully funds the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 and Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program in the conference report for the Agricultural Disaster Assistance and Western States Emergency Unfinished Business Appropriations Act, 2007 (H.R. 2207).

Dear Colleagues' Letters

- Amendment to maintain the Policy and Administration account under the Bureau of Reclamation at FY 2007 levels, a \$1.236 million dollar reduction.

Caucuses Joined

- Congressional Real Estate Caucus

Protecting Our 2nd Amendment Rights

Summary

The Bill of Rights was constructed to preserve the core values of our society that were meant to protect the citizens from a tyrannical or corrupt government. Never did they think that more than 200 years later—the right they listed second among the Bill of Rights—the right to bear arms—would be eroded or taken away.

The Second Amendment is one of our nation's most fundamental and vital protections. It clearly states "a well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." There is no clause saying that the right is restricted only to hunters. The right to defend one's self and one's family applies to every American.

Lamborn recently led a congressional effort to oppose regulations proposed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) intended to expand protections provided to employees engaged in the manufacture, storage, sale, transportation, handling, and use of explosives, including small arms ammunition. As a result of these efforts, OSHA decided against this harmful, one size fits all approach.

Lamborn will continue to fight against liberal interpretations of the constitution by judges and lawmakers that erode our gun rights. He opposes gun owner databases, restrictions on weapons based on appearance, and discrimination against handguns.

Major Legislative Actions

Cosponsored Legislation

- H.R.1399 – District of Columbia Personal Protection Act

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- July 11, 2007 – Letter to Department of Labor on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations on small arms ammunition storage and transport.
- May 25, 2007 – Letter to Bureau of Land Management on recreational shooting on public lands.

Appendix C

Congressman Lamborn's various actions on 2nd Amendment issues

Legislation Cosponsored by Congressman Lamborn

- H.CON.RES.193 -- Recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety.
- H.R.1399 – District of Columbia Personal Protection Act
District of Columbia Personal Protection Act - Amends specified law prohibiting the killing of wild birds and wild animals in the District of Columbia to declare that nothing in it or any other provision of law shall authorize or be construed to permit the Council, the Mayor, or any governmental or regulatory authority of the District to prohibit, constructively prohibit, or unduly burden the ability of persons otherwise not prohibited from possessing firearms under federal law from acquiring, possessing in their homes or businesses, or using for sporting, self-protection or other lawful purposes, any firearm neither prohibited by federal law nor subject to the National Firearms Act. Denies the District any authority to enact laws or regulations that discourage or eliminate the private ownership or use of firearms.

Letters signed

- July 11, 2007 – Letter to Department of Labor on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations on small arms ammunition storage and transport.
- May 25, 2007 – Letter to Bureau of Land Management on recreational shooting on public lands.

Social & Traditional Values Issues

As a nation, if we are to continue to progress as a society, we cannot allow our fundamental values to erode. Lamborn is committed to and has solid record of protecting human life at all stages, defending religious freedom, keeping our children safe, and providing tax incentives to strengthen American families.

Human life begins at fertilization and should end with a natural death. Lamborn's legislative record reflects his unwavering dedication to protecting the sanctity of human life, from the unborn, to the elderly, and to those whose lives are threatened by euthanasia.

Already in the 110th Congress, he has cosponsored several pieces of legislation including the Right to Life Act, the Parental Notification and Intervention Act of 2007, and the Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act of 2007 to reinforce a culture of life.

As a member of the Constitution Caucus, Lamborn believes the Constitution was written specifically to defend the right of the American people to practice any religion they desire. Lamborn cosponsored the Public Prayer Protection Act of 2007 and will continue efforts to protect our religious freedom from liberal judges who seek to redefine the very laws they have sworn to uphold.

The Internet has simplified many daily activities and has facilitated unparalleled levels of communication. Unfortunately, there are those who use this valuable tool to prey upon our children. The innocence of our children must be protected from predators and obscene material. Lamborn recognized this threat and cosponsored The Deleting Online Predators Act of 2007, which seeks to make the Internet safer for our children.

To further his efforts to protect our core conservative family values, Lamborn is an active member of the Republican Study Committee, a Congressional organization committed to conservative principles in government.

Additionally, Lamborn is a member of the Values Action Team and the Pro-Life Caucus. Through these organizations he legislatively promotes the protection of life at every stage, ensure that the government plays a role in promoting pro-family tax bills (marriage tax penalty relief, death tax elimination, education savings accounts, adoption tax credit, parent tax credit), improve our education system through school choice, prohibit internet pornography and child predators, as well as urge the prosecution of these problems by the Department of Justice.

Major Legislative Actions

Cosponsored Legislation on Protecting Human Life

- H.R.618 - Right to Life Act
- H.R.1063 - Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act
- H.R.1295 - Parental Notification and Intervention Act of 2007
- H.R.322 - Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act of 2007
- H.R.1153 - Parental Right to Decide Protection Act
- H.R.1457 - Post-Abortion Depression Research and Care Act of 2007
- H.R.2134 - To establish certain requirements relating to the provision of services to minors by family planning projects under title X of the Public Health Service Act.
- H.R.2432 - To extend for 3 months transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program, and for other purposes.

Letters Signed by Congressman Doug Lamborn Protecting Human Life

- June 11, 2007 – Letter to Energy & Commerce Committee on Title V abstinence education funding.
- May 10, 2007 – Letter to Judiciary Committee on holdings hearings on Right to Life legislation.
- April 27, 2007 – Letter to Appropriations Committee for increased funding for Community Based Abstinence Education funding.
- February 7, 2007 – Letter in Support for Portugal’s current abortion related laws.

Cosponsored Legislation on Protecting Values

- H.R.2104 -- Public Prayer Protection Act of 2007
- H.R.1735 -- Clay Moore Kidnaping Prevention Act of 2007
- H.R.699 -- Pledge Protection Act of 2007
- H.R.367 -- Gang Elimination Act of 2007
- H.RES.179 -- Expressing support for a National Foster Parents Day
- H.R.2084 -- Family Budget Protection Act of 2007
- H.RES.268 -- Supporting responsible fatherhood
- H.R.471 -- Adoption Tax Relief Guarantee Act of 2007
- H.R.1120 – Deleting Online Predators Act of 2007

Appendix D

Congressman Lamborn's various actions on Social & Traditional Values issues

Sponsored Legislation

- H.RES.886 - Expressing sympathy to the victims and families of the tragic acts of violence in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Arvada, Colorado.

Cosponsored Legislation

- H.CON.RES.230 – Supporting the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- H.RES.179 – Expressing support for a National Foster Parents Day.
- H.RES.268 – Supporting responsible fatherhood, promoting marriage, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day.
- H.RES.598 – Supporting the goals of the Ten Commandments Commission and congratulating such Commission and its supporters for their key role in promoting and ensuring recognition of the Ten Commandments as the cornerstone of Western law.
- H.RES.705 – Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Chinese Communist Party should be condemned for engaging in coercive abortion practices, and for other purposes.
- H.RES.783 – Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration employees, volunteers, and veterans' service organizations that perform funeral honors and memorial honor details should be permitted to recite the 13 steps to fold an American flag (known as the "13-fold recital") at any national cemetery if requested by the family of the deceased.
- H.RES.847 – Recognizing the importance of Christmas and the Christian faith.
- H.R.322 - Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act of 2007 Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop techniques for the isolation, derivation, production, or testing of stem cells that are capable of producing all or almost all of the cell types of the developing body and may result in improved understanding of treatments for diseases and other adverse health conditions, but are not derived from a human embryo.
- H.R.367 – Gang Elimination Act of 2007 Directs the Attorney General to report to Congress on a national strategy to eliminate the illegal operations of National Threat Drug Gangs (i.e., the top three international drug gangs that present the greatest threat to law and order in the United States). Sets forth criteria for the Attorney General to consider in identifying a National Threat Drug Gang, including (1) ties to international terrorist organizations or state-sponsored terrorism; (2) the volume of controlled

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- substances imported or distributed by such gangs; and (3) the threat to children and schools in the United States.
- H.R.471 – Adoption Tax Relief Guarantee Act of 2007
To repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.
 - H.R.618 – Right to Life Act - Declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being. Defines "human being" to encompass all stages of life, including but not limited to the moment of fertilization or cloning.
 - H.R.699 – Pledge Protection Act of 2007
Amends the federal judicial code to deny jurisdiction to any federal court, and appellate jurisdiction to the Supreme Court, to hear or decide any question pertaining to the interpretation of the Pledge of Allegiance or its validity under the Constitution.
 - H.R.1063 – Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act
Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit transporting a minor child across a state line to obtain an abortion (deems such transporting to be a de facto abridgment of the right of a parent under any law in the minor's state of residence that requires parental involvement in the minor's abortion decision). Makes an exception for an abortion necessary to save the life of the minor.
 - H.R.1120 – Deleting Online Predators Act of 2007
To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require recipients of universal service support for schools and libraries to protect minors from commercial social networking websites and chat rooms.
 - H.R.1153 – Parental Right to Decide Protection Act
Prohibits federal funds or other assistance from being made available to any state or political subdivision to establish or implement any requirement that individuals receive vaccination for human papillomavirus (HPV).
 - H.R.1295 – Parental Notification and Intervention Act of 2007
Prohibits any person or organization from performing, permitting facilities to be used to perform, or assisting in the performance of an abortion on an unemancipated minor unless: (1) written notification is provided to the parents of the minor informing the parents that an abortion has been requested, unless there is clear and convincing evidence of physical abuse of the minor by the parent; (2) there is compliance with a 96-hour waiting period after notice has been received by the parents; and (3) there is compliance with the judicial intervention process. Prescribes penalties of not more than a \$1 million fine and/or imprisonment for not more than 10 years for violating such prohibition.
 - H.R.1457 - Post-Abortion Depression Research and Care Act of 2007
Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), to expand and intensify NIMH research and related activities with respect to post-abortion depression and psychosis.

- Requires the Director of NIMH to: (1) conduct or support research to expand the understanding of the causes of, and to find a cure for, such post-abortion conditions; and (2) conduct a study to determine the incidence and prevalence of cases of post-abortion conditions and the symptoms, severity, and duration of such cases, toward the goal of more fully identifying the characteristics of such cases and developing diagnostic techniques.
- H.R.1884 – Amends the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of “primary health services” for purposes of the National Health Service Corps to include optometry health services.
 - H.R.2084 – Family Budget Protection Act of 2007
To reform Federal budget procedures, to impose spending safeguards, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse, to account for accurate Government agency costs, and for other purposes.
 - H.R.2104 – Public Prayer Protection Act of 2007
Denies the Supreme Court and district courts jurisdiction to review any matter related to the alleged establishment of religion involving the expression of public prayer by any federal, state, or local government entity or a government officer or agent acting in an official capacity.
 - H.R.2134 – To establish certain requirements relating to the provision of services to minors by family planning projects under title X of the Public Health Service Act.
Prohibits any funds appropriated for carrying out federal family planning programs from being made available to any family planning project if any service provider in the project knowingly provides contraceptive drugs or devices to a minor, unless: (1) such provider has given actual written notice to a custodial parent or legal guardian at least five business days prior to providing the drugs or prescription devices; (2) the minor has written consent of a parent or legal guardian; (3) the minor is emancipated; or (4) a court has directed that the minor may receive such drugs or prescription devices.
 - H.R.2432 – To extend for 3 months transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program, and for other purposes.
Extends through FY2007 the transitional medical assistance (TMA) program and the abstinence education program under titles V (Maternal and Child Health Services) and XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act.
 - H.R.2510 – To amend title 31, United States Code, to require the inscription "In God We Trust" to appear on a face of the \$1 coins honoring each of the Presidents of the United States.
 - H.R.3192 – Pregnant Women Support Act
Allows the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to make grants to states for collecting and reporting abortion surveillance data.
 - Requires health facilities that perform abortions to obtain informed consent from a pregnant woman seeking an abortion. Amends title XXI (State Children's Health Insurance Program) (SCHIP) of the Social

- Security Act to allow states to extend health care coverage to an unborn child.
- Amends the Public Health Service Act to prohibit a health insurance issuer offering individual coverage from imposing a preexisting condition exclusion or a waiting period or otherwise discriminating against a woman on the basis that she is pregnant.
 - Allows the Secretary to make grants for the purchase of ultrasound equipment for examinations of pregnant women.
 - Provides for the collection and dissemination of information on Down syndrome and other prenatally diagnosed conditions.
 - Provides for services to pregnant women who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. Requires states to require a pregnancy determination for homicide victims.
 - Requires the Secretary to make grants to increase public awareness of resources available to pregnant women and new parents.
 - Allows the Secretary to make grants to public institutions of higher education to establish and operate pregnant and parenting student services offices.
 - Requires the Secretary to provide for programs to work with pregnant or parenting teens to complete high school.
 - Requires group homes for pregnant and parenting women to provide counseling on adoption and parenting skills.
 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to increase and make refundable the tax credit for adoption expenses.
 - Amends the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to increase the eligibility threshold for food stamps.
- H.R.3442 – Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act of 2007
Amends the Public Health Service Act to require an abortion provider who knowingly performs an abortion of a pain-capable unborn child (defined as an unborn child who has reached a probable stage of development of 20 weeks or more after fertilization), to first: (1) inform the woman of the probable age of the child; (2) provide to the woman an Unborn Child Pain Awareness Brochure (unless she waives receipt); (3) provide information that pain medicine administered to the mother may not prevent pain in the child, but in some cases anesthesia or pain-reducing drugs can be administered directly to the child; (4) give the woman the provider's best medical judgment of the risks and costs of such anesthesia or analgesic; and (5) obtain the woman's signature on the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Decision Form and her explicit request for or refusal of the administration of drugs to the child. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Brochure that includes a statement that there is substantial evidence that the process of being killed in an abortion will cause the unborn child pain and that the mother has the option of having pain-reducing drugs administered directly to the child. Creates an exception to save the life of the mother. Establishes civil penalties for willfully failing to comply with this Act. Authorizes: (1) the U.S. Attorney

General to bring a civil action under this Act; and (2) private rights of action for violations of this Act.

- H.R.3559 – Protecting Children from Indecent Programming Act
Amends the Public Telecommunications Act of 1992 to require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in applying regulations prohibiting the broadcasting of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may constitute indecent programming.
- H.R.3908 - Loyalty to Our Legacy Act of 2007
Requires the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) to ensure that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the national motto "In God We Trust" are each displayed prominently in the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC) on a permanent basis. Prohibits the AOC, in preparing and producing any exhibit or other material relating to the CVC, from removing or refusing to include any language, symbol, writing, document, or record on the grounds that they include a religious reference or Judeo-Christian content.
- H.R.4133 - Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act
Amends the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Service from providing any federal family planning assistance to an entity unless the entity certifies that, during the period of such assistance, the entity will not perform, and will not provide any funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion. Excludes an abortion where: (1) the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or an act of incest against a minor; or (2) a physician certifies that the woman suffered from a physical disorder, injury, or illness that would place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, including a condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy. Excludes hospitals from such requirement so long as the hospital does not provide funds to any non-hospital entity that performs an abortion.
Requires the Secretary to annually provide Congress: (1) information on grantees who performed abortions under the exceptions; and (2) a list of entities to which grant funds are made available.
- H.R.4157 - Sanctity of Human Life Act
- H.R.4852 - Positive Alternatives Act
Provides information or counseling that promotes childbirth instead of abortion, and assists pregnant women in making an informed decision regarding the alternatives of adoption or parenting with respect to her born or unborn child

Major Legislative Actions on the House Floor

- H.R. 3 - Embryonic Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007 (Vote 1/11/07)
Congressman Lamborn Opposed - mandate federal funding of the type of stem cell research that requires the killing of human embryos -- but by a vote far short of the two-thirds majority that would be required to override President Bush's veto of the legislation. The House passed H.R. 3 by a vote of 253-174. This was 32 votes short of a two-thirds majority. H.R. 3 is the same as a bill vetoed by President Bush on July 19, 2006; a veto override attempt failed by 51 votes.

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- Congressman Lamborn has signed letters to President Bush pledging to sustain vetoes on any federally funded stem cell research bill and any other bill eroding pro-life values.
- H.R. 2560 – Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2007 (Vote 6/6/07)
Congressman Lamborn Opposed - would prohibit a cloned human embryo from being implanted in a uterus. While the bill states that it is unlawful “for any person to perform or attempt to perform human cloning,” it goes on to define “human cloning” as “the implantation of the product of human somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) technology into a uterus or the functional equivalent of a uterus.” This bill does not prohibit human cloning. By defining “human cloning” so narrowly as to only include a cloned human that is actually implanted in a uterus (see definitions above), the net effect of the bill is to sanction the cloning of human embryos for destructive research purposes. Thus, under this bill, it would still be legal to clone a human, just illegal to “grow” one in a woman’s womb. In effect, this bill is only a ban on pregnancy and live birth using a cloned human embryo. On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 204 - 213.
 - S. 5 – Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act (Vote 6/7/07)
Congressman Lamborn Opposed -- creates a new provision in the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 289 et seq.) requiring the Secretary of HHS to “conduct and support research that utilizes human embryonic stem cells ...” The bill defines as eligible for federal funding human embryonic stem cells that: were derived from human embryos that have been donated from in vitro fertilization clinics, were created for the purposes of fertility treatment, and were in excess of the clinical need of the individuals seeking such treatment; it was determined would never be implanted in a woman and would otherwise be discarded; and ere donated with written informed consent and without receiving any financial or other inducements to make the donation. On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 247 – 176 President Bush vetoed the bill on 6/20/2007.
 - H.R. 2764 – FY08 State, Foreign Operations & Related Programs Appropriations Mexico City Policy amendment – Smith/Stupak. No funds shall be used for family planning for organizations that perform abortions. Failed vote 205-218. Congressman Lamborn helped Congressman Smith defend the Mexico City Policy.
 - H.R. 3559 – To require the FCC, in enforcing its regulations concerning the broadcast of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent.

Sample list of Letters signed on Pro-Life matters

- June 11, 2007 – Letter to Energy & Commerce Committee on Title V abstinence education funding.
- May 10, 2007 – Letter to Judiciary Committee on holdings hearings on Right to Life legislation.

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- April 27, 2007 – Letter to Appropriations Committee for increased funding for Community Based Abstinence Education funding.
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Conservative Pro Family Caucuses

- Republican Study Committee
- Pro-Life Caucus
- Constitution Caucus
- Theme Team
- Values Action Team

Immigration

Summary

Securing our border first is Lamborn's top priority in addressing the growing illegal immigration concern. We must have operational control over the border. It is a matter of national security and community safety.

During his time in Congress, Congressman Lamborn has been a strong advocate of securing our borders and making certain that illegal immigrants are not rewarded with benefits of citizenship at the taxpayers' expense. Lamborn's record demonstrates his commitment to fighting the illegal immigration we are currently facing in the United States.

Lamborn introduced H.R. 3293 to direct the Department of Homeland Security to establish an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office in Colorado Springs. An ICE study requested by Senator Wayne Allard has already recognized the need for such an office. When this office is established, it would be much easier to set up an ICE detention center, which would be the next step. El Paso County should not bear the responsibility of federal ICE detention centers. This is costing the county \$1.2 million per year and will cost several million if the county has to build a new detention facility.

Lamborn has consistently voted numerous in favor of legislation that clarifies federal benefits are only available to people living lawfully in the United States.

Lamborn voted against the Homeland Security Appropriations bill, H.R. 2638 largely because it gutted spending for a Southern border security fence.

Lamborn co-signed a letter to President Bush asking him to pardon the two border patrol agents who were convicted and sent to prison in the shooting incident with a drug dealer crossing the border illegally.

Lamborn supports hiring more immigration agents, penalizing municipalities who refuse to enforce our immigration laws, using high-tech surveillance equipment, and building a security fence along the Southern border. We must secure our borders first.

Lamborn believes we must have a reliable system for verifying the identification of people seeking work in our country to help honest employers who wish to hire only legal workers.

Lamborn believe we must focus on enforcing our current immigrations law. Also, he has not and will never support any form of amnesty.

Major Legislative Actions

Sponsored Legislation

- H.R. 3293 – To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish an Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in El Paso County, Colorado.

Cosponsored Legislation

- H.RES.499 – Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Administration should rigorously enforce the laws of the United States to substantially reduce illegal immigration and greatly improve border security.
- H.R.563 – Congressional Pardon for Border Patrol Agents Ramos and Compean Act
- H.R. 1314 – Photo Identification Security Act - Restricts the forms of individual identification that may be accepted by the federal government or by financial institutions to the following: (1) a Social Security card accompanied by a photo identification card issued by the federal or a state government; (2) a driver's license or identification card issued by a state that is in compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005; (3) a passport issued by the United States or a foreign government; and (4) a photo identification card issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security (acting through the Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services).
- H.Con.Res. 218-Expressing the sense of Congress regarding United States immigration that all laws should be enforced and that border security should be fully funded.
- H.R. 4176 – The “Prevention of Unsafe Licensing Act” prohibits states from issuing any driver’s license or identification card to an individual unlawfully present in the U.S.
- H.RES.800 – Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the issuance of State driver's licenses or other government-issued photo identification to illegal aliens.
- H.R. 4464 – To ensure that an employer may require employees to speak English while engaged in work
- H.R. 4088 – SAVE ACT-Adds 8,000 new border patrol agents, requires employers to use an E-verification program when hiring employees, and increases the investigative abilities of ICE by employing more agents. The bill also calls for greater coordination between DOD and DHS in order to save taxpayer dollars and use technology more efficiently.

Appendix E

Congressman Lamborn's various actions on Illegal Immigration issues

Sponsored Legislation

- H.R. 3293 – To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish an ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) office in El Paso County, Colorado.

Cosponsored Legislation

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- H.R.1843 – Save Our Small and Seasonal Businesses Act of 2007
- H.R. 4088 – SAVE ACT-Adds 8,000 new border patrol agents, requires employers to use an E-verification program when hiring employees, and increases the investigative abilities of ICE by employing more agents. The bill also calls for greater coordination between DOD and DHS in order to save taxpayer dollars and use technology more efficiently.
- H.R. 4176 – The “Prevention of Unsafe Licensing Act” prohibits states from issuing any driver’s license or identification card to an individual unlawfully present in the U.S.
- H.R. 4464 – To ensure that an employer may require employees to speak English while engaged in work

Letters Signed

- February 27, 2007 – Letter to Nancy Pelosi, John Conyers, Bennie Thompson, and Henry Waxman regarding the two distinguished border patrol agents, who

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- have been convicted and sentenced to federal prison for shooting a habitual Mexican drug smuggler, who was in the country illegally.
- February 28, 2007 – Letter to Chairman Mollohan and Ranking Member Frelinghuysen urging that the appropriations committee include funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)
 - March 29, 2007 – Letter to President George W. Bush urging him to continue efforts to enforce laws that ensure that employers do not hire illegal immigrants.
 - March 29, 2007 – Letter to Nancy Pelosi asking her not to bring amnesty legislation to the floor.
 - October 23, 2007 – Letter to Chairman Mollohan and Ranking Member Frelinghuysen urging the appropriations committee to support the one year extension of provisions for nonimmigrant “returning workers.”

Caucus Joined

- Immigration Reform Caucus

Safety & Security

Summary

In September, General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker presented their report on the progress in Iraq. They made it clear the surge is working, and that we will succeed as long as we give our troops a realistic opportunity to meet their goals. Progress is being made. Since January, sectarian violence and civilian casualties have sharply decreased, the stream of recruits for al Qaeda is drying up, and we are beginning to see the seeds of political progress grow in local communities.

As long as the people of those countries continue to progress in their ability and willingness to defend themselves, we must continue to promote democracy, build alliances with progressive Middle Eastern nations, and most importantly, stop those who wish to harm America. The world should confront rogue nations such as Iran and North Korea with a strong and united voice. Nuclear threats will be met with grave consequences.

On a visit to Iraq this August, Congressman Lamborn was able to meet with a number of our service men and women. Their attitude was confident and positive. When asked what message he should bring to the people back home, they said, 'We can win this if you let us.' Lamborn believes victory will come as long as congressional micromanagement does not stand in the way of our troops.

Our involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq is necessary to maintain our security. We cannot let our troops down by losing this war in Washington as politicians and political groups bicker for partisan gain. This is an opportunity for us to show trust in our forces. The troops are the ones in the field fighting for our freedom and security each day.

During his time in Congress, Lamborn has worked to ensure our troops have the resources and funding they need to win the Global War on Terror.

Appendix F

Congressman Lamborn's various actions on Safety & Security issues

Cosponsored Legislation

- H.CON.RES.77 – Calling on the Government of Venezuela to respect a free and independent media and to avoid all acts of censorship against the media and free expression.
- H.CON.RES.131 – Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem
- H.R.866 – Secret Ballot Protection Act
Amends the National Labor Relations Act to make it an unfair labor practice for: (1) an employer to recognize or bargain collectively with a labor organization that has not been selected by a majority of the employees in a secret ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board; and (2) a labor organization to cause or attempt to cause an employer to recognize or bargain collectively with a representative that has not been selected in such manner.
- H.R.895 – To take certain steps toward recognition by the United States of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.
- H.R.1062 – Security and Victory in Iraq Act of 2007
Directs the President every 30 days to certify to the appropriate congressional committees the extent to which the government of Iraq: (1) is cooperating with U.S. stability efforts in Iraq; and (2) has made demonstrable progress toward achieving stability and security for its people, denying terrorists a sanctuary in Iraq, and ensuring equal access to resources.
Directs the President every 30 days to report to the appropriate congressional committees respecting: (1) implementation of the Iraq "A New Way Forward" strategy; (2) the government of Iraq's progress in meeting specified benchmarks; (3) Iraqi Army progress and operations; (4) expenditure of funds for the Iraqi Army; (5) effectiveness of the police force in Baghdad; and (6) contributions by U.S. allies to support the government and people of Iraq.
Directs the President to: (1) require all relevant U.S. departments and agencies to conduct an interagency assessment of the impact that U.S. military withdrawal from Iraq would have on U.S. national security and homeland security interests and on U.S. allies in the region; and (2) report to the appropriate congressional committees.
- H.R.1914 – Terrorist Death Penalty Act of 2007
Amends the federal criminal code to: (1) impose the death penalty for certain terrorist offenses; (2) include as death penalty aggravating factors whether the defendant committed an offense after substantial planning or engaged in conduct resulting in the death of another person in order to obstruct the investigation or prosecution of any offense; (3) permit the impaneling of a new jury when a unanimous death penalty recommendation cannot be reached; and (4) expand the power of a court to impanel a jury of less than 12 members in a death penalty

- proceeding. Amends the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to increase the number of allowable alternate jurors from six to nine and permit four additional peremptory challenges when seven, eight, or nine alternative jurors are impaneled.
- H.R.2332 – Syria Accountability and Liberation Act
States that U.S. sanctions, controls, and regulations relating to Syria shall remain in effect until the President certifies that Syria has ceased support for terrorism, has dismantled biological, chemical, or nuclear weapons programs and has committed to combat their proliferation, respects the boundaries and sovereignty of all neighboring countries, and upholds human rights and civil liberties. Imposes specified trade, assistance, and military sanctions, as appropriate, on persons or countries that transfer goods or technology so as to contribute to Syria's biological, chemical, nuclear, or advanced conventional weapons programs.
Imposes specified sanctions aimed at Syria's energy sector.
Sets forth diplomatic measures intended to isolate the government of Syria.
Directs the President to provide assistance to support a democratic transition in Syria. Authorizes appropriations.
 - H.R.2509 – United Nations Voting Accountability Act of 2007
Prohibits providing U.S. assistance (as defined by this Act) to a country that opposed the U.S. position in the United Nations.
Authorizes the Secretary of State to (temporarily) exempt a country from such prohibition if since the beginning of the most recent session of the General Assembly there has been a fundamental change in the country's leadership and policies so that the country will no longer oppose the U.S. position in the United Nations. Authorizes the President to exempt a country from such prohibition for national security reasons.

Letters Signed:

- March 16, 2007 – Letter to Nancy Pelosi urging her to oppose any attempts to add language to the emergency supplemental restricting the ability of the President to defend the United States from Iran.
- March 20, 2007 – Letter to Jose Barroso urging the EU to maintain restrictions of direct aid to any Palestinian government until such time that government fulfills its Quartet obligations.
- May 2, 2007 – Regarding the Rocky Flats United Steelworkers of America, Local 8031 Special Exposure Cohort Petition
- May 23, 2007 – Letter to Ambassador Durrani expressing concern about reports that Christians were being threatened that if they do not convert to Islam, they would face dire consequences.
- June 21, 2007 – Letter to Secretary Rice expressing serious concern over the continuing illegal transfer of arms to the Hezbollah terrorist organization across the Syrian-Lebanese border.

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- June 22, 2007 – Letter to Italian Members of parliament urging them to play a leadership role in ensuring the expeditious ratification of the amendments to the Bonn Accords.
- July 24, 2007 – Letter to Acting Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense Peter Verga regarding the MAFFS mission remaining in Colorado.

Caucus Joined:

- Anti-Terrorism Caucus
- Modeling and Simulation Caucus
- Congressional Taiwan Caucus
- House Republican Israel Caucus
- India Caucus

Colorado Issues

Summary

As a member of the Natural Resources Committee, Congressman Lamborn had worked hard to ensure that his constituents receive the water and energy resources to which they are entitled with minimal interference from the federal government. In addition, Lamborn has pursued a common-sense approach to conservation. He thoroughly understands that the protection of Colorado's natural beauty as well as our national resources and parks is vital. However, Lamborn believes that this can be achieved without compromising positive economic growth and development which result from a healthy free market.

In addition, Lamborn has fought not only for resources for Colorado, but also for more responsible government spending. Because it is the American taxpayer who must foot the bill for the insatiable appetite of the Federal Government, Lamborn believes it is his responsibility to do everything he possibly can as your representative to trim the bloated federal budget. And so, as a member of the Natural Resources Committee, he has offered amendments to strip funding from unnecessary programs that needlessly expand the scope of government, such as the National Endowment for the Arts and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Major Legislative Action

Sponsored Legislation

- H.R. 2277 – Preferred Storage Option Proposal
- H.R. 3335 – South Park National Heritage Area Act
- H.R. 3336 – Camp Hale National Historic Site

Cosponsored Legislation

- H.R.3072 – Colorado Forest Management Improvement Act of 2007
- H.R.783 – Mesa Verde National Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2007

Amendments Offered by Congressman Lamborn

- H.AMDT.322 to H.R.2641 – FY 08 Energy & Water Appropriations
An amendment to reduce funds of the Bureau of Reclamation under the Policy and Administration section by \$1,236,000. Failed by recorded vote: 151 - 274 6/19/2007
- H.AMDT.403 to H.R.2643 – FY 08 Interior Appropriations
An amendment to increase funds for the Department-Wide Programs (Indian Affairs) by \$160,000,000. And, to reduce funds for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$60,000,000. 6/21/2007 By unanimous consent, Lamborn amendment was withdrawn.

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- H.AMDT.451 to H.R.2643 – FY 08 Interior Appropriations
An amendment to eliminate by \$60,000,000 in funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. 6/27/2007 Failed by recorded vote: 97 – 335
- H.AMDT.549 to H.R.3043 – FY 08 Labor, Health & Human Services Appropriations
An amendment numbered 56 printed in the Congressional Record to strike line 7 and all that follows through the comma on page 104, line 12. (Removes funding for Corporation for Public Broadcasting.) 7/18/2007 Failed by recorded vote: 72 - 357

Appendix G

Congressman Lamborn's various actions on Colorado issues

Sponsored Legislation

- H.RES.395 – Supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic movement.
- H.RES.886 – Expressing sympathy to the victims and families of the tragic acts of violence in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Arvada, Colorado.
- H.R. 2277 – Preferred Storage Option Proposal
To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study relating to long-term water needs for the area served by the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, Colorado, and for other purposes. Cosponsor – Rep. Tancredo
- H.R. 3335 – South Park National Heritage Area Act
Establishes the South Park National Heritage Area in South Park, Colorado.
- H.R. 3336 – Camp Hale National Historic Site
To conduct feasibility study to designate Camp Hale and the Tennessee Pass as a national historic site.

Cosponsored Legislation

- H.RES.290 – Honoring the contributions of the Rocky Mountain Senior Games on its 30th anniversary for significantly improving the health and well-being of older Americans.
- H.RES.816 – Congratulating the Colorado Rockies on winning the National League Championship.
- H.R.49 – Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building".
- H.R.783 – Mesa Verde National Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2007
To modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, and for other purposes.
- H.R.2471 – Refinery Streamlined Permitting Act of 2007
Instructs the Secretary of Energy to offer assistance to enable states to assign responsibilities delegated to them regarding construction or expansion of a petroleum refining facility in a coordinated and expeditious manner. Requires all federal and state agencies, to which permitting responsibilities for petroleum refining facilities have been delegated, to enter into a memorandum of understanding about facility construction or expansion.
- H.R.2570 – "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building"
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building".
- H.R.2784 – National Environment and Energy Development Act
- H.R.3072 – Colorado Forest Management Improvement Act of 2007

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*Companion Measure in the Senate. To reduce the risks to Colorado communities and water supplies from severe wildfires, especially in areas affected by insect infestations, to provide model legislation that may be applied to other States experiencing similar insect infestations or other forest-related problems, and for other purposes.

Caucuses

- International Conservation Caucus
- Congressional Water Caucus

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Major Legislative Actions on the House Floor and in Natural Resources Committee

- H.R. 6 – The Clean Energy Act
Congressman Lamborn Opposed - The vast majority of the bill would make a Special carve-out for all oil and gas companies from an otherwise Broad manufacturing tax deduction and would effectively void certain legitimately negotiated and finalized contracts with private companies in order to reap more revenues. And, there is nothing in the bill that would guarantee that the increased revenues would be spent on alternative energy. While a new reserve is created, it does NOT have any enforcement mechanism.
- H.R. 6 – Actions supporting Republican Motion to Recommit:
Moves to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Rules with instructions that each Committee report the same back to the House after the Committee holds hearings on, and considers, the bill.

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- H.R. 569 – Water Quality Investment Act of 2007
Congressman Lamborn Opposed - H.R. 569 would authorize \$1.8 billion in new funding to states and municipalities to replace sewers. The Administration issued a Statement of Administration Policy in strong opposition (thought not a veto threat) to the bill, specifically stating that the authorization level in this bill is “unrealistic in the current fiscal environment. These activities already are eligible for Clean Water State Revolving Fund financing, with project prioritization determined by the States.”
- HR 2337 – Energy Policy Reform and Revitalization Act
Congressman Lamborn opposed in committee - H.R. 2337 has raised tremendous concerns by domestic energy producers and consumer groups. Many groups refer to H.R. 2337 as the greatest legislative threat to the energy industry and consumer prices in many years. Indeed, H.R. 2337 would be a step backward for U.S. energy security. Among its more draconian elements, the Rahall Energy Bill repeals several provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (“EPAAct 2005”).
- H.R. 2641 – Energy and Water Appropriations Act for FY 2008
Congressman Lamborn Opposed - \$1.3 billion or 4.3% more than last year and \$1.1 billion or 3.7% more than the President’s request.
- H.R. 2643-FY 2008 Interior Appropriations Act for FY 2008
Congressman Lamborn opposed - \$1.2 billion (4.5%) *more* than last year and \$1.9 billion (7.6%) *more* than the President requested.

Energy ‘Dear Colleague’ letter

- H.R 986 – Fails to protect private property rights and tramples on local communities
- Vote NO on the Salazar-Udall Amendment to Prohibit Oil & Gas Development on the Roan Plateau

Letters signed

- July 27, 2007 – Letter to Department of Interior regarding Fish & Wildlife Service de-listing Preble jumping mouse from Endangered Species list.
- June 26, 2007 – Letter to Charwoman Napolitano regarding witnesses testifying before the Committee.
- May 25, 2007 – Letter to Bureau of Land Management regarding recreational shooting on public lands.
- April 27, 2007 – Letter to Energy & Water Appropriations committee in support of funding for the Chatfield Reservoir study.
- April 25, 2007 – Letter to Bureau of Reclamation regarding Aurora’s option for long-term contracting in the Frying Pan Arkansas.
- April 16, 2007 – Letter to US Forest Service regarding Colorado’s funding for hazardous fuel and forest health projects.
- February 16, 2007 – Letter to Army, Civil Works Division for completion of Chatfield Reservoir study EIS.

Delegation Letters

- June 20, 2007 – Letter to Dept. of Transportation in support of Colorado’s designation as an Urban Partnership Agreement corridor.
- June 22, 2007 – Letter to Appropriations Committee to halt the closure of the Lakewood, CO FDA facility.
- May 2, 2007 – Letter to Advisory board regarding Rocky Flats worker compensation.
- April 27, 2007 – Letters to Appropriators in support of full funding for Chatfield Reservoir.
- April 25, 2007 – Letter to Bureau of Reclamation on Frying Pan Arkansas water storage issues.
- April 16, 2007 – Letter to US Forest Service regarding funding for hazardous fuel and forest health projects.
- March 16, 2007 – Letter to Appropriators regarding support for funding for NIST & NOAA facilities in Colorado.
- March 7, 2007 – Letter to Speaker in support of inclusion of emergency supplemental funds for Colorado communities impacted by blizzards in winter of 2006.
- May 22, 2007 – Letter to Secretary Geren regarding the staff visit to Fort Carson to examine issues of PTSD and TBI

Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS)

- Due to an overall training land shortfall, the Army is planning to expand the 236,000 acre PCMS by 418,000 acres, which would almost triple its size
- Rep. Salazar and Rep. Musgrave offered an amendment to the Milcon/VA appropriations bill, which would add a new section prohibiting the use of funds for any action that is related to or promotes the expansion of the boundaries or size of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site in southeastern Colorado.
- The Army believes that there is a number of willing sellers of property, but has not yet reached the point in the land acquisition process to formally identify them, where their property is located, and cannot negotiate any sales offers.
- Preventing the Army from studying any expansion of PCMS will harm the Army’s ability to provide necessary and realistic training to units stationed at Fort Carson.
- Acquisition of land at PCMS supports and enhances realistic, doctrinally sound training. Changes to training and warfighting doctrine require units to train and operate over increasingly larger expanses of terrain.
- One way to augment the economy in this area would be to have a permanent contractor stationed at PCMS to provide a “blue force” style tracking system, which would be a win-win, because it would be beneficial for training the soldiers and it would create 100+ jobs with a collective annual income of approximately \$9 million.

Fort Carson

- Congressman Lamborn asked TriWest to implement a pilot program at Fort Carson to try to help resolve the staffing shortage for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder cases. TriWest agreed to send 5 behavioral and psychological personnel to Fort Carson.
- In June, the Army implemented the Warriors in Transition Brigade at Fort Carson to try to help soldiers suffering from ailments, which precluded them from being productive and in some cases actually caused them to be a detriment to their unit.

Cheyenne Mountain Relocation

- Admiral Keating called for North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and early warning components at Cheyenne Mountain to be relocated to Building 2 at Peterson Air Force Base.
- Department of Defense officials have stated that they no longer need to continue operating in this hardened facility considering that the threat of an intercontinental ballistic missile strike in today's environment is low. In July 2006, the former Commander of NORAD and (United States Northern Command) USNORTHCOM announced plans to move certain functions from Cheyenne Mountain and create an integrated command center at Peterson Air Force Base, which he projected at that time would save between \$150 million and \$200 million per year. Additionally, (United States Strategic Command) USSTRATCOM announced plans to relocate its missile warning mission from Cheyenne Mountain to Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, and Air Force Space Command is in the process of moving the Space Control Center from Cheyenne Mountain to Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. NORAD and USNORTHCOM officials told us that after these functions have been moved, Cheyenne Mountain will be used as an alternate command center, a continuity of operations relocation facility, and a training center.
- However, as of April 2007, NORAD and USNORTHCOM officials have identified at least \$41.7 million in onetime costs and \$5.5 million in recurring costs related to the move; however, the full costs will not be determined until the completion of ongoing security assessments. NORAD and USNORTHCOM officials stated that they expect increased unity of effort and operational efficiencies as a result of the integration. Although there is no requirement for it, NORAD and USNORTHCOM have not done an analysis of the operational effects—both positive and negative—of the move.